

REMARKS

Claims 1- 58 were originally filed in the parent application Ser. No. 09/247,340.

In a preliminary amendment, claims 1-58 were canceled and new claims 59-68 were added.

In the present document, no claim amendments are being made. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner's rejections are addressed in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 103

Claim 64 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 over *Lende* et al. (US5325714) in view of *Leggett* et al. (US6614360).

The present application is a Continuation of US Patent Application Ser. No. 10/119,586 (now US Patent 6,637,524) which is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/839,423, now United States Patent 6,446,736 which is a continuation of United States Patent application Ser. No. 08/247,340, now United States Patent 6,247,542, which claimed priority from Provisional United States Patent Application Ser. No. 60/077,144 filed on March 6, 1998. As noted on the cover sheets of issued US Patents 6637524, 6446736 and 6247542, all of the issued patents have been assigned to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The present application is also assigned to Baker Hughes Incorporated. The assignment is recorded Reel/Frame 015022/0062.


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The *Leggett* application was filed on June 9, 2000 and is also assigned to Baker Hughes Incorporated. Applicant further notes that the parent application of the present application (now US6637524) was filed on April 10, 2002, was copending with *Leggett* and was commonly owned. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests removal of the *Leggett* reference as the basis for a rejection under 35 USC 103.

Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 64 and claims 65-68 that depend upon claim 64 are patentable under 35 USC §103 over *Lende* in view of *Leggett* and the prior art of record.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for these amendments to **Deposit Account 02-0429 (414-12829C3)**.

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